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TOPIC PS Battalion in Horni Plana.

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1. Prior to 13 September 1951, the PS battalion in Horni Plana (N 49/Q 63) was subordinate to the SP brigade in Volary (E 49/Q 55) which, in turn, was subordinate to Unit Utvar No 9600 in Prague. Stamps and letterheads of the brigade contained Utvar No 3237. Major Galus, (fnu), was the commanding officer of the brigade and Staff Captain Vins, (fnu), deputy commanding officer. The headquarters units of the brigade were a labor company of more than 50 men, an engineer company of about 25 men, a signal company of about 45 men and a mortar unit of about 20 men. **
2. The PS battalion in Horni Plana was commanded by Lieutenant Varla, (fnu), and consisted of one company in Horni Plana; the Planina Company near Nova Pec (N 49/Q 53), the Smrcina Company in the woods south of Nova Pec; one company west of Zvonkov (N 49/Q 53); and the Celnik Company just south of Zvonkov. One company of the PS battalion in Stozek (N 49/Q 44) was located on Lake Plesne Jezero (Ploekensteinsee), north of Mt. Ploekenstein (E 49/Q 43); and a PS brigade in C. Budejovice (O 49/Q 96). The PS companies averaged 35 to 40 men, most of whom were Slovaks. **
3. Each PS company was equipped with an undetermined number of models 48-A and 48-B submachine guns, 4 model 26 light machine guns and, since July 1951, 1 heavy machine gun. The brigade in Volary had about 8 Praga-RN trucks, 6 sedans, and an unidentified number of motorcycles; and the battalion in Horni Plana about 5 trucks, 2 sedans, and motorcycles.
4. Border duty was performed by stationary guard details of 3 men each with dogs. During instruction, it was announced that the recruits who were inducted on 23 July 1951 would be assigned to the companies on 10 October 1951, in an effort to intensify border control. ***
5. The address of the personnel of the Planina Company was PS Utvar Volary 3237, POB 99/96 v. All mail was channeled through the brigade and the battalion headquarters.

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The report confirms the PS brigade in Volary and its commanding officer, Major Galus, (fnu). The Utvar numbers of the brigade and its battalions have not been determined, inasmuch as Utvar No 3237 was reported

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to belong to the brigade in Volary as well as to the battalions in Stozec and Kunzvar, and Utvar No 7237 also to the brigade in Volary.

25X1A ** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Other deserters also reported the PS battalion in Horni Plana to be subordinate to the PS brigade in Volary. The PS battalion in Stozec is also subordinate to the PS brigade in Volary. The PS brigade in C. Budejovice is confirmed.

25X1A *** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ the induction of draftees of the 1929 through 1931 classes in July 1951.

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1 Annex : 1 Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

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